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Serial No.: 10/038,968

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For: STRUCTURALLY ENHANCED SOUND AND HEAT  
ABSORBING LINER AND RELATED METHOD

Attorney Docket No.: 24975A

**RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

The Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action of September 8, 2004. The Applicants note with appreciation the withdrawal of the previous claim rejections.

In the September 8, 2004 Office Action the Applicants note the new ground for the rejection of claims 1 and 5-9 under 35 USC 103(a). Specifically, these claims are now rejected over published U.S. Patent Application US 2003/0008581 A1 to Tilton et al. when considered in combination with issued U.S. Patent 5,034,443 to Bae et al. It is noted that the primary reference to Tilton et al. and the present application were, at the time application for the present invention was made, both owned by or